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SUBJECT: ANTARCTICINSPECTION

REF: A) STATE 301095; B) WARSAW 8753 NOTAL

1. THE U.S. WILL CONDUCT AN INSPECTION OF NON-U.S. STATIONS IN THE ANTARCTIC IN JANUARY 1977, UNDER THE TERMS OF ARTICLE VII OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY. A THREE-MAN TEAM OF U.S. ANTARCTIC OBSERVERS WILL INSPECT SCOTT BASE (NEW ZEALAND) IN EARLY JANUARY AND MARAMBIO (ARGENTINA), PRESIDENTE FREI (CHILE) AND BELLINGSHAUSEN (USSR), IN LATE JANUARY. A NEW POLISH STATION REPORTEDLY PLANNED FOR EMPLACEMENT IN THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA AREA WILL ALSO BE INSPECTED IF TIME AND LOCATION PERMIT. THE INSPECTORS ARE ALEXANDER AKALOVSKY, FSO 2 (STATE-TEAM LEADER), FRANK C. MAHNKE (DOD) AND LT. CDR. JEAN LOUP R. COMBEMALE, USN (ACDA)

2. THE INSPECTORS WILL TRAVEL FROM CONUS ON JANUARY 3 VIA CHRIST CHURCH, NEW ZEALAND TO THE U.S. MCMURDO STATION IN ANTARCTICA, THENCE BY USCG 'ICEBREAKER "BURTON ISLAND" TO THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA AREA, INSPECTING STATIONS THERE BETWEEN JANUARY 20-25, DEBARKING THE ICEBREAKER AT USHUAIA, ARGENTINA, ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 25 FOR RETURN TO CONUS VIA BUENOS AIRES. HOLMES AND NARVER CO. IS MAKING TRAVEL

ARRANGEMENTS FROM USHUAIA.

3. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOTIFIED GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE PARTIES OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE ANTARCTIC OBSERVERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VII, PARA 1 OF THE TREATY. THE POLISH GOVERN-
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MENT HAS NOT BEEN SO NOTIFIED SINCE POLAND, AN ACCEDING MEMBER OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY, IS NOT A CONSULTATIVE PARTY. THE DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE A PRESS RELEASE ON THE INSPECTION ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 21 IN ORDER THAT THE INSPECTION WILL NOT BE PREJUDICED BY ADVANCE WARNING. ALL OF THE PARTIES TO THE ANTARCTIC TREATY WILL BE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF THE INSPECTION THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, BUT NONE WILL BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE THAT AN INSPECTION WILL BE MADE AND EMBASSIES SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT DISCUSS THE INSPECTION WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS.

4. FOR WARSAW. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM THE MFA AS A COURTESY OF THE NAMES OF THE THREE U.S. ANTARCTIC OBSERVERS AND THAT THE NAMES HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS WITH STATIONS IN ANTARCTICA IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY TRANSMIT THE NAMES TO THE AUTHORITIES IN CHARGE OF EACH STATION THEY MAINTAIN. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE GIVEN ON OR SHORTLY AFTER JANUARY 14. AS INDICATED IN

PARA 3 ABOVE, EMBASSY SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT INDICATE
THAT AN INSPECTION OF A POLISH STATION IS CONTEMPLATED.

5. USG HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE REQUISITE OFFICIAL POLISH
ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF THE CURRENT POLISH EXPEDITION TO
ANTARCTICA REPORTED IN THE POLISH PRESS AND IN SCAR (SEE
REFTELS) AND THUS HAS NO INFORMATION ON EXACT LOCATION OF
PLANNED POLISH LAND STATION. IN VIEW OF EARLY JANUARY
DEPARTURE DATE OF INSPECTION TEAM, EMBASSY SHOULD
ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN POLISH INTENTIONS REGARDING CONSTRUC-
TION SCHEDULE AND EXACT LOCATION OF THE STATION AND REPORT
TO DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. FYI. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF GOP VIEW THAT IT HAS
ACHIEVED CONSULTATIVE STATUS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF LAST
YEAR'S EXPEDITION. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT DEPARTMENT
DID NOT ACCEPT POLISH VIEW AT THAT TIME. DEPARTMENT
BELIEVES QUESTION WILL ARISE AT NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING
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IN SEPTEMBER, 1977 AND IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT POLAND AS A
NEW CONSULTATIVE PARTY IF TREATY CRITERIA (ARTICLE IX,
PARA 2) ARE SATISFIED. WE HAVE QUESTION OF TREATY
INTERPRETATION UNDER REVIEW IN PREPARATION FOR THAT
MEETING, AND TENTATIVELY BELIEVE FACT OF SECOND POLISH
EXPEDITION AND/OR ESTABLISHMENT OF POLISH STATION MAY WELL
SATISFY TREATY CRITERIA. END FYI.
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